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GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS MEMBERS TO STATE HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL

RALEIGH - Gov. Mike Easley today announced 13 appointments to the North Carolina State Health Coordinating Council, the council responsible for creating a plan to meet the state's health needs.

"This diverse group of individuals has a very important task," Easley said. "We need wise planning for the future health care needs of the people of our state. I have the utmost confidence that they will serve the people of this state well on this council."

Easley appointed **Kenneth A. Burrow** of Greensboro, Vice President/Administrator of Therapeutic Alternatives Inc.; **Barbara Cale** of Edenton, president of Chowan Hospital; **Doug Copeland** of Greensboro, publisher of the Triad Business Journal; **Charles H. Hauser** of Winston-Salem, President of the clinical research service group at Piedmont Medical Research Associates Inc.; **Daniel F. Hoffmann** of Durham, Network Director of Veterans Integrated Service Network; **Mac McCrary** of Morganton, Senior Vice President of Wachovia Bank; **Stephen W. Nuckolls** of New Bern, Chief Operating Officer of Coastal Carolina Health Care; **Robert Spencer Parker** of Winston-Salem, Vice President for Home and Community Health of the North Carolina Baptist Hospitals Inc.; **Jerry L. Parks Sr.** of Edenton, Health Director of Albemarle Regional Health Services; **Dr. Thomas Anthony Ruffolo** of Greenville, a clinical gastroenterologist at Physicians East; and reappointed **Dr. Vardaman Buckalew** of Winston-Salem, who will serve his fourth term as chairman of the council and is currently Chief of Professional Services of North Carolina Baptist Hospital; **Peter Samuel Brunstetter** of Winston-Salem, partner and member of the executive committee of the law firm of Kilpatrick Stockton and a County Commissioner of Forsyth County; **Robert W. Bryant Jr.** of Selma, an attorney.

After hearing regional concerns and recommendations, the State Health Coordinating Council compiles a list of state health needs and advises DHHS on how to cost effectively meet these needs. They prepare the Annual State Medical Facilities Plan to present to the Governor. A total of 27 members, which are all appointed by the Governor, serve on the council.

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